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Claim 14 (Amended) An animal bed encasing for enclosing cushioning core, the encasing comprising an enclosure having:

- a top surface and a bottom surface;
- a face textile with an exterior surface and an interior surface;
- an odor receiving layer permanently disposed on the interior surface of the face textile in a configuration that covers at least the entire top surface of the encasing, said odor receiving layer including:
 - activated charcoal;
 - adhesive; and,
 - a backing material disposed adjacent to the odor receiving layer.

REMARKS

35 USC Section 103 Rejections:

Claims 1-4 and 9-13 were rejected as being unpatentable under 35 USC 103(a) over Denesuk et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,196,156) in view of Willinger (U.S. Patent No. 5,784,995). Referring to claims 1-4, the Examiner submits that Denesuk et al. disclose (a) an animal bed encasing comprising an enclosure having a face textile 12 with an exterior surface and an interior surface and an odor receiving layer on the interior surface (Denesuk et al., col. 3, lines 7-10 and col. 28, lines 49-65, col. 29, lines 1-21) and (b) that the odor receiving layer comprises either an absorbing agent or an adsorbing agent which is activated charcoal (Denesuk et al., col. 28, lines 49-65). The Examiner also submits that Denesuk et al. is not specific as to the